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In re application of:

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For: ALTERATION OF IMMUNE
RESPONSE USING PAN DR-BINDING
PEPTIDES

Examiner: DeCloux, Amy M.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants submit this response with reference to the Office Communication mailed July 2, 2002. A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond from August 2, 2002 to October 2, 2002 accompanies this response.

REMARKS

I. Restriction

Applicants hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group I (claims 18-26), drawn to a polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein.

Restriction of claims in a patent application is discretionary. A restriction requirement is made to avoid placing an undue examination burden on the Examiner and the Patent Office. According to the MPEP, where claims can be examined together